BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 12, 2004

| IN RE: |) | |
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| PETITION OF US LEC OF TENNESSEE, INC. FOR |) | DOCKET NO. |
| ARBITRATION WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATION, |) | 04-00089 |
| INC. OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, A PETITION TO RESOLVE |) | |
| DISPUTE PURSUANT TO TERMS OF THE PARTIES |) | |
| INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT |) | |
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ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

This matter is before the Pre-Arbitration Officer upon the joint request of US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to postpone the deadline for filing the joint Issues Matrix from May 10, 2004, as ordered by the Directors at the April 26, 2004 Authority Conference, until May 14, 2004. The Parties filed this request on May 10, 2004, asserting that additional time is necessary to agree on all the issues that should be included within the matrix. For the reason specified, the request is well taken and is hereby granted

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Parties shall file a joint Issues Matrix with the TRA no later than May 14, 2004

Kim Beals, Counsel

as Pre-Arbitration Officer